

By: White of Bell

H.B. No. 2555

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the definition of marriage in this state and the
3 prohibition against the creation or recognition of a marriage
4 between persons of the same sex or a civil union.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Section 6.204, Family Code, is amended by adding
7 Subsection (e) to read as follows:

8 (e) Section 32, Article I, Texas Constitution, and
9 Subsections (b) and (c) of this section apply regardless of whether
10 a federal court ruling or other federal law provides that a
11 prohibition against the creation or recognition of a same-sex
12 marriage or a civil union is not permitted under the United States
13 Constitution.

14 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
15 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
16 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
17 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
18 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.